GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Juvenile Crime
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of crime by Juveniles are on the rise in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total number of such cases reported during each of the last three years and the current year, crime and State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any survey to identify the reasons behind such increase and if so, the details and outcome thereof;

(d) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for providing employment to juveniles residing in children homes/reform centres by providing training in collaboration with the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, if so, the details and status thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to implement a new education policy for developing students' personality by building ideal character to prevent juvenile delinquency and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the corrective steps taken by the Government to check such cases in future along with the measures taken for rehabilitation of the said juveniles?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a) to (b): The State/UT-wise number of cases registered against Juveniles and juveniles apprehended for the year 2013 to 2015 is at Annexure.
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(c) : The Ministry of Home Affairs has not conducted any study regarding crimes committed by juveniles.

(d) to (f): In order to improve and strengthen the condition of homes, the Government enacted the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, which has replaced the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000. The new Act has come into effect from 15.01.2016. Under the JJ Act, 2015 several provisions have been included to improve the condition of Child Care Institutions (CCIs) including those housing children in conflict with law by providing for inspections of these CCIs by Juvenile Justice Board; prescribing various rehabilitation and reintegration services including skill development, recreational facilities, mental health interventions, etc.

The Ministry of Women and Child Development is implementing the Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) under which financial assistance is provided to States/UTs for setting up and maintaining various CCIs including Observation Homes, Special Homes either by themselves or through Non-Government Organisations (NGOs). Various rehabilitative and re-integration measures are provided in these CCIs including vocational training, counseling, non formal education etc.

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